



# Delaware

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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September 4, 2006

### Rain Eases Dry Soil Condtions

Cloudy days and tropical storm Ernesto late in the week resulted in **4.7 days suitable for field work** for the week ending September 3, 2006. Delaware farmers received almost 5 inches of rain last week. Some reporters indicated that some corn was down from the storm's winds. Over 70 percent of the **corn** silage has been harvested. This is 16 percent ahead of last year and 29 percent ahead of the five-year average. **Soybeans** are filling pods, turning color and have started to drop leaves.

**Apples** were rated 1 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 15 percent fair, 57 percent good and 24 percent excellent

**Pastures** is rated 11 percent very poor, 20 percent poor, 35 percent fair, 32 percent good, and 2 percent excellent. **Hay** supplies are 1 percent very short, 20 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 16 percent surplus.

### DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 3, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005
<b>Field Crops</b>				
<i>Percent</i>				
<b>Corn: Dent</b>	92	78	88	71
<b>Mature</b>	68	55	40	33
<b>Harvested for Grain</b>	8	5	3	4
<b>Harvested for Silage</b>	70	-	54	41
<b>Soybeans: Setting Pods</b>	91	79	98	84
<b>Turning Color</b>	13	7	12	6
<b>Dropping Leaves</b>	7	4	4	2
<b>Hay</b>				
<b>Alfalfa Hay: 3<sup>rd</sup> Cutting</b>	92	86	100	90
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Cutting</b>	35	33	35	28
<b>Other Hay: 3<sup>rd</sup> Cutting</b>	82	69	79	74
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Cutting</b>	18	14	0	10
<b>Vegetables Harvested</b>				
<b>Cantaloups</b>	83	74	85	87
<b>Cucumbers</b>	81	76	86	79
<b>Lima Beans (Processed)</b>	47	40	53	34
<b>Potatoes</b>	93	87	76	79
<b>Snap Beans</b>	94	91	93	89
<b>Sweet Corn</b>	90	86	86	83
<b>Tomatoes</b>	83	75	85	73
<b>Watermelons</b>	89	82	83	85
<b>Fruits Harvested</b>				
<b>Apples</b>	21	14	33	29
<b>Peaches</b>	92	87	87	91

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 3, 2006

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005
<b>Very Short</b>	20	53	7	6	23	8
<b>Short</b>	20	24	24	48	42	27
<b>Adequate</b>	55	23	64	43	35	59
<b>Surplus</b>	5	-	6	3	-	5

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 3, 2006

	Precipitation <sup>1</sup>			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
<b>Maryland</b>							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	3.65	25.46	-2.54	96	59	73	0
Frederick	1.87	26.94	0.16	91	56	72	4
Frostburg	2.77	25.10	-8.19	81	51	65	1
Hagerstown	2.21	23.73	-2.7	88	54	70	-2
Mechanicsville	9.11	32.72	1.65	91	58	73	2
Patuxent River	6.09	24.77	-4.21	96	59	76	4
Ocean City	4.58	23.18	-8.58	94	58	75	3
Salisbury	7.00	30.83	-1.01	94	56	74	2
Sharpsburg	3.07	28.60	1.82	90	55	71	3
Stevensville	2.79	28.97	0.22	91	58	74	2
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	2.78	32.39	5.97	95	60	75	-2
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	2.87	27.08	-2.96	88	61	73	-2
Georgetown	4.70	30.02	-0.89	93	57	74	3
Wilmington	3.48	32.64	4.53	84	59	71	-2

<sup>1</sup> Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M on recorded date  
Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.